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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7701
INFO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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SUBJ: CULTURE MINISTER SEMBU-FORNA DROPPED FROM CABINET

1. A.G. SEMBU-FORNA, FORMER MINISTER OF CULTURE AND A LONG-TIME ASSOCIATE OF PRESIDENT STEVENS, HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM CABINET. ONLY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HAS BEEN MADE IS PRO FORMA NOTICE CONTAINED IN SIERRA LEONE GAZETTE DATED MAY 11, WHICH DATES DISMISSAL WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 1. SEMBU-FORNA, A REPUTED MILLIONAIRE WITH STRONG SOCIALIST TENDENCIES, PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS 1969, FINANCE MINISTER 1970, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES 1971, MINISTER OF HEALTH 1973 AND MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE SINCE 1974.

2. SEMBU-FORNA'S DISMISSAL CAME AFTER HE WAS CHARGED WITH SEVERELY BEATING A POLICEWOMAN, WHO WAS CONDUCTING OFFICIAL DUTIES AT LUNGI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE ASSAULT ON THE POLICEWOMAN REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE BEFORE A NUMBER OF FOREIGN GUESTS INCLUDING THE MAYOR OF MONROVIA. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE THE CASE AGAINST SEMBU-FORNA REMAINS BEFORE THE COURTS.
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